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Foreword

This special issue is a follow-up to sessions on micromechanics of materials organized in the framework of International Conference on Materials (ICM-9) held in Geneva, Switzerland in May 2003.

The selected papers focus on properties of heterogeneous materials in relation to their microstructure. The papers cover a broad range of materials, both man-made and naturally occurring.

Microstructure–property relationships constitute one of the hottest topics of the modern engineering sciences. It is hoped that the approaches and viewpoints advanced in the presented papers provoke a lively discussion.

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